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## MTD ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010

At a recent Board of Directors meeting of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD), the members held nominations and elections on the following Board positions: David Davis was elected to serve an additional year as Board Chair; Roger Aceves was nominated to Vice Chair; Charles McQuary was elected to Board Secretary.

Mr. Davis, first appointed in 2003, is the CEO of the Community Environmental Council. Mr. Aceves recently served as Mayor of the city of Goleta, and was first appointed in 2008. Mr. McQuary is a former MTD employee and is currently a Transit Planner for Gold Coast Transit. Additionally, Mr. McQuary is a past Finance Manager and was appointed by the city of Carpinteria in 2008.

The MTD Board is made up of seven directors. Two are appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, two are appointed by the Santa Barbara City Council, one is appointed by the Goleta City Council and one is appointed by the Carpinteria City Council. The seventh member, also known as the at-large director, is appointed by the other six members of the board. Currently the seven serving directors have a combined wealth of transit experience which has proven to be a great benefit to MTD and the community of Santa Barbara.

The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD), with its focus on passenger service, provides a reliable, safe, comfortable means of mobility to those who lack other transportation, including students, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. MTD also provides an attractive transportation option for commuters and shoppers who might otherwise drive a car. MTD provides over 31,000 passenger trips each weekday resulting in 22,676 cars being left at home on weekdays. MTD provided more than 8,300,000 passenger trips last fiscal year. Santa Barbara is recognized as a transit intensive community and is ranked in the top ten in the nation for per capita bus usage. MTD operates North America's largest fleet of 100% battery electric buses. Additionally, MTD was the first in California to operate its fleet of diesel and diesel-electric buses with a bio-diesel blend of fuel.